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APPLICANT:

SAM F. LIPRIE

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/681,303

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March 15, 2001

Before the Examiner:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner of Paterals Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 29, 2001, Applicant elects the Species (III), further elects Species (A), further identifies and elects a nickel/titanium alloy as preferred housing tube material (a), further identifies and elects a nickel/titanium alloy as an exemplary capsule or encapsulation material (b), further identifies and elects gold as an exemplary non-oxidizing agent.

The elected species will read on Claims 1, 2, 4-18 and 20-32.

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